

HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 31, 2008

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners met on Thursday, January 31, 2008 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana at 7:30 a.m. President Altman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present of Commissioner Christine Altman and Commissioner Steven A. Holt. Commissioner Steven C. Dillinger was absent.

146th Street West

The Commissioners shared the plan for 146th Street West (Springmill to County Line) with Westfield Mayor Andy Cook. Altman stated there are concerns with access and its effect on thru traffic. We have asked the engineers to develop it with frontage roads. Mr. Mike Rowe, United Consulting, stated they are trying to maintain access to the existing properties on that corridor. One of the ideas is shifting the alignment of 146th Street. Rowe stated the intent is to have cul-de-sacs on one side but there would be access at the major cross streets; Little Eagle Creek, Ditch, Towne, and Shelborne. Signaled intersections would be Ditch, Towne and Shelborne with Little Eagle Creek designed for a traffic signal in the future. By shifting the road the impact to existing residences has been minimized. Cook asked if the right of way is existing? Rowe stated yes. Rowe reviewed the drawing with Cook. Rowe stated in the future as developments come in they could possibly make the frontage roads tie in from one to another. Rowe stated at the intersections the frontage roads are coming out far enough that they do not impact the storage length and turn lanes. Cook asked what does that do for development on these corners? Rowe stated there would have to be a corner cut left for that road in order to provide access to the road. Cook asked if the frontage roads are county property? Holt stated they have not talked about it. Cook asked what is Boone County doing? Mr. Brad Davis stated they have a plan to upgrade the two lane road; add turn lanes, passing blisters and buy the right of way to expand it to a four lane facility. Initially it will not be a four lane facility. Rowe stated they are building a two lane with shoulders. They are purchasing right of way for the four lane boulevard section. Rowe stated the next step is they will fine tune the plan with the county engineering staff and then the plan will be forwarded to Westfield and Carmel. Altman stated the Commissioners will also be meeting with Mayor Brainard to discuss the plan.

Davis stated there is no set time line for the project; there is some federal aid that should be awarded to the MPO with a recommendation from Springmill Road to Ditch, which is Phase 1. It is in the 2012 program. In terms of design once the plan is agreed upon we will ask the designers to get to work with completion by the end of 2008. Right of way acquisition would begin in early 2009. Construction would be estimated to begin in two years, pending funding.

Cook asked if this road is intended to be used for truck traffic from SR 32? Davis stated it is a public thoroughfare. What would affect truck traffic is Boone County getting the improvements done to their section; this would become a corridor to I-65. Cook stated most of the trucks that people are concerned about are local traffic. Cook asked if there are multi-use paths? Davis stated they are planned for both sides.

Mr. Mike Howard stated the sooner this plan is included in the county thoroughfare plan it will enhance the acquisition process.

Holt motioned to adjourn. Altman seconded and adjourned the meeting.

Present

Christine Altman, Commissioner
Steven A. Holt, Commissioner
Andy Cook, Mayor of Westfield
Robin Mills, Auditor
Michael A. Howard, Attorney
Brad Davis, Highway Director
Jim Neal, Highway Engineer
Fred Swift, Administrative Assistant to Commissioners
Kim Rauch, Administrative Assistant to Auditor
Joel Thurman, Highway Staff Engineer
Tim Knapp, Right of Way Specialist
Matt Knight, Highway Staff Engineer
Dave Lucas, Highway Inspector
Dave Richter, United Consulting
Mike Rowe, United Consulting
Brian Craig, United Consulting
Rob Borders, Noblesville Times

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ATTEST

Robin M. Mills, Auditor